

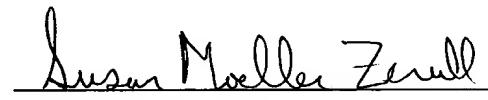
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Response to the Rejection

Claims 1-20, 22-23, 25-65 and 117-130 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Wu et al. Wu was filed on July 10, 2002 claiming priority to a provisional application filed July 10, 2001. Wu is not available as prior art against the present application, because the present application was filed as a PCT application designating the U.S. on March 13, 2000 (claiming priority to a British application filed March 12, 1999). Since the effective filing date of this application is prior to both the filing date and the priority date of Wu, Wu is not available as a reference against this application.

Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of all pending claims.

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